

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT APPLICATION**

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 29, 2008 in the above-identified patent application. Applicants appealed the rejection of this patent application to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, which rendered its decision on August 10, 2010. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.304, the deadline for filing an appeal of the decision is two months from the notification date of the decision, or October 10, 2010. Applicants are filing this Reply to Final Office Action with a Request for Continued Examination within this time period, and therefore this Reply is timely filed.

Responsive to the Final Office Action, applicants hereby amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Reply.

**Remarks** begin on page 24 of this Reply.

**Conclusion** begins on page 28 of this Reply.

**Authorization** begins on page 29 of this Reply.